for a regular grade 'D' official including DA. HRA and CCA.

(ii) Benefits in respect of increments in pay scale will be admissible for every one year of service subject to performance of duty for at least 240 days (206 days in administrative offices observing 5 day week) in the year.

(iii) Leave entitlement will be on a pro-rata basis, one day for every 10 days of work. Casual leave or any other kind of leave will not be admissible. They will also be allowed to carry forward the leave at their credit on their regularisation. They will not be entitled to the bedefit of encashment of leave on termination of services for any reason or their quitting service.

(iv) Counting of 50 per cent of service rendered under Temporary Status for the purpose of retirement benefits after their regularisation.

(v) After rendering three years continuous service on attainment of temporary status, the casual labourers would be treated on a par with temporary Grade 'D' employees for the purpose of contribution to General Provident Fund, and would also further be eligible for the grant of Festival advance/ Flood advance on the same conditions as are applicable to temporary Grade 'D' employees, provided they furnish two sureties from permanent Government servants of this Department.

(vi) Untill they are regularised, they would be entitled to Productivity Linked Bonus only at rates as applicable to casual labour.

Improvement of National Highways passing through Bihar

471. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal to improve National Highways passing through Bihar during the current year; and

(b) the amount of money proposed to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up keeping in view the existing condition of Nationl Highways, traffic intensity, *interse* priority on all Iddia basis and availability of funds. The Annual Plan 1991-92 for improvement and development of National Highways passing through Bihar is for Rs. 58 crores (details given in statement). However, actual sanction of projects will resources etc.

(b) A sum of Rs. 11 crores is tentatively proposed to be spent for Road and Bridge works on National Highways in Bihar during 1991-92.

Statement

NH No.	Name of work	Length in Kms.	Estimated cost in (Rs. Crore)
1			2
	A *High Traffic Volume Group*		
2	U.P. border-Barhi-West Bengal Section		
	(a) Widening to 4-lanes (including Bridges)		
	(i) Km 399—441·42, BarAadda-West Bengal Bihar Boarder Section.	42·42	44·00
	(ii) Sasaram Bazar Portion	4	1.70
	TOTAL 'A'		41.70

1	2	3	4
	B. *Medium Traffic Volume Group*		
	NIL		
	C. *Low Traffic Volume Group*		
	NIL		
	D. *Miscellaneous*		
NHs	(i) Improvement to riding surface	50	4·60
	(ii) Improvement to Km. 302—312, Pasraha Zone (Selected Km)	L.S.	0·80
	(iii) Culverts	L.S.	0·50
	(iv) Approaches to minor bridges	L.S.	0·60
	(v) Improvements to geometrics, junctions waysIde amenities, new road signs, side drains, hard shoulders, protection works, L. A. survey & investigation, formation widening etc.		4·00
2	(vi) Survey & investigation, detailed enginering studies for 4-laning Km. 399—441·42	L.S.	0·60
2	R.O.B. at Isri.	L.S.	2·70
28A	R.O.B. at Motihari at Km. 163/4	L.S.	2·50
	TOTAL 'D'		Rs. 16·30 crores

Grand total for Road Works Rs. 58·00 crores.

Telephone facilities to towns†/villages in Bihar

472. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of towns and villages in Bihar which have not been provided with telephone facilities as on 30th July, 1991; and

(b) the time by when such facility would be provided to these towns and villages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) (i) All 220 towns of Bihar are provided with Telephone facilities.

(ii) Villages—64238.

(b) (i) All panchayat villages are planned for provision of telephone facility progressively during 1991—95.

(ii) The other villages are proposed to be covered during 1995—2000.

Modernisation of police and para-military forces

473. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to modernise the police and para-military forces in the country in view of the most sophisticated weapons being used by terrorists in the country; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal?